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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (a) The Madras Fire Services was governed by a set of rules called the Madras Fire Services Rules issued under section 10 (1) of the A.R.P. Services Ordinance, 1941 (Ordinance No. IV of 1941). With the repealing of the above Ordinance wholly in January 1946, the Madras Fire Services Rules issued thereunder have ceased to be operative. Now that the Fire Service has come to stay as a permanent feature of the Provincial Government's administration, a separate set of statutory service rules to govern it under the provisions of the Government of India Act, 1935, is under preparation.

" (b) Does not arise in view of the answer to (a) above.

" (c) Yes.

" (d) A statement[a] giving the information required is placed on the table of the House.

" (e) The present policy is to establish fire stations only in all the municipal towns in the Province."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In the event of the Fire Services Rules being framed and if there are any officers who do not satisfy those rules, will their services be terminated? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Evidently so, Sir."

MR. K. O. ANTONI :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Hon. Minister has received any representation from the Fire Services men and they have been dealt with? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No, Sir, we are not aware of it. If there is any representation received, I shall certainly go into the matter."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether there is any proposal to retrench the personnel in the Fire Services and any representation has been received concerning that matter? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No, Sir, there is no proposal to retrench."

*Retired officials re-employed during the war.*

* 132 Q.—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the number of superannuated retired officials re-employed during the war by the Advisers' Government;

(b) the number of superannuated retired officials re-employed since the Congress Government took office;

(c) how many of these two sets of officials have since retired and how many still continue in office;

(d) the need for continuing them in office while a number of war-returned men and educated young men are awaiting their turn to be employed in Government service;

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(*e*) the number of retired officials from the Government of India service who have been re-employed in this Province; and

(*f*) why they are still kept in harness when better and younger men are available?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) & (*e*) The Government have compiled a list of persons who have either been re-employed or granted extension of service after retirement and who are still in service. In the interest of economy in stationery and printing the list has not been printed and placed on the table of the House. If the hon. Member wants it, he may obtain a copy on application to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

" On the other points covered by the question the Government have not collected any information in view of their avowed policy of discouraging the continuance of superannuated officials in service and also of the time and labour involved, which is not commensurate with any public interest, in the collection of such information.

" (*d*) & (*f*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (*e*) of the Legislative Council Starred Question No. 24 answered on the 9th September 1946. In accordance with the orders and instructions mentioned in that answer, re-employed retired officers are being replaced as and when war-returned men and other better and younger men become available."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether there are any I.N.A. men among the war-returned persons who can be employed? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I do not know whether there are any applications from them; if any are received, they will be considered."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" Are the Government aware that I.N.A. men are employed in the anti-corruption and other departments of Government in Bombay and other Congress-governed provinces? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I think so, Sir."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know whether this list of re-employed superannuated officials is compiled communitywar? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I do not know whether the communal question enters employment of superannuated men or the discharge of superannuated men. I have not got figures or names of either; but I do not know whether any special discrimination is shown between one community and another in this regard."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" That is the very idea with which I put the question. There are complaints

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that the claims of certain communities are being discriminated even in this matter and I would like a list to be compiled communitywar."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is not prepared communitywar but if the hon. Gentleman wants specific information, I shall supply."

*Appointments made since May* 1946.

* 133 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of appointments, gazetted and non-gazetted, made since May 1946;

(*b*) whether qualifications prescribed for these appointments are the same or similar to those prescribed for similar existing appointments and if so, what they are;

(*c*) whether in any or all the cases these appointments have been made following the procedure prescribed for recruitment through the Public Service Commission;

(*d*) whether expenditure in respect of these new appointments has already been provided in the Budget for 1946–47;

(*e*) whether all the appointments made relate to existing services or new services for which provision has been made in 1946–47 and the approval of the Legislature obtained;

(*f*) if the appointments related to new services, whether the approval of the Legislature has been obtained by token grants;

(*g*) whether seeking approval for new services after creating them and incurring expenditure is in accordance with Parliamentary practice; and

(*h*) whether the Government will place on the table of the House a list of appointments made, emoluments offered, qualifications prescribed and other particulars?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) & (*h*) The Government consider that the time and labour involved in the collection of information is not commensurate with any public interest that may be served.

" (*d*) Not in all cases.

" (*e*) If provision has been made in the budget for a scheme it will not be a ' New Service.' The appointments relate both to existing services and ' New Services ' (i.e., services for which no provision has been made in the budget for 1946–47).

" (*f*) It is proposed to obtain supplementary grants—token or otherwise—in respect of all new services on the 27th instant.

" (*g*) The procedure has been followed for a long time both by this Government and by the Government of India and has been approved by the Public Accounts Committee of this